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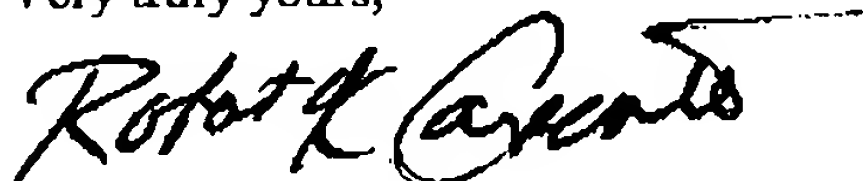
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Dear Examiner Lee:

Further to your conversation with Robert Carpenter today, please find enclosed a copy of the Amendment filed August 15, 2003 and the attached Postcard. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



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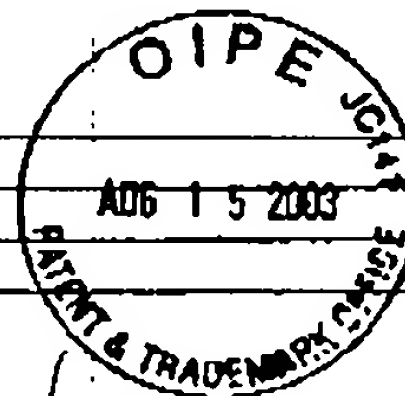
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.